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Legacy

by Grand Knight Dave Tomlin

Often times when people leave an office, people start wondering and writing “What will be their legacy?” or “How will they be remembered?” While some of these conversations are entertained post mortem or after an election, we are now starting to see them while our pontiff leaves his post.

The oldest person to enter the pontificate, Benedict XVI was elected pope at the age of 78. Pope Benedict encouraged us all to return to Christ to get to know Jesus intimately in our lives. He called us to prayer and piety with a reverence for our faith. He tells us in his first encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, “If friendship with God becomes for us something ever more important and decisive, then we will begin to love those whom God loves and who are in need of us. God wants us to be friends of his friends and we can be so, if we are interiorly close to them.” He wanted us to realign our lives in prayer when he said “It is time to reaffirm the importance of prayer in the face of the activism and the growing secularism of many Christians engaged in charitable work.” This is a directive that we knights can support in our charitable works.

Pope Benedict tried to return the splendor to the papacy. Having served as a cardinal for one of the longer terms in history, Pope Benedict had great influence on his Roman Catholic faith and traditions. Not only was directly responsible for the changes in the Mass, but he had an influence on fashion. Yes, this fashionable Pope returned garments that had fallen out of the papal repertoire such as the camauro, the saturno, and even the traditional red shoes.

He, also, introduced the technical age to Catholicism. Engaging our youth with Tweets, on Facebook, and even making possible a version of the Roman Missal available as an app for smart phones, yes, this Pope knew that to reach our youth, he had to connect with them on their level.

Benedict XVI's achievements as pontiff have been remarkable. He has renewed the worship of the Church, reconnecting it to the majesty

and deep piety of the past. He has forged new links with non-Catholics, for example by bringing ex-Anglicans into the fold through the Ordinariate. However, the last, most lasting impression that he may have made, is in his resignation. A man who has beckoned to God's call was listening once more. In his last address to the people in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, February 24th, he explained that he again was being called by the Creator once again to live an even more dedicated life to prayer and meditation.

We would do well to imitate this act in our own lives, and live the legacy that Benedict has left for us – to be imitators of Christ, and be attentive to the Sheppard's call to his sheep relationship like with God? Think about the things that you can personally do to bring you closer to God. Perhaps, it's helping the less fortunate. Or, maybe, it's an extra reconciliation to help wash away the stain of sin from our souls. That same stain that is represented in the ashes that we receive at the beginning of the Lenten season. Whatever it is, let the ashes of Lent remind you to draw closer to God.

Our lives are fleeting on the scale of eternity. Let's make sure we use our time here to prepare ourselves for eternity with God.

Vivat Jesus
Dave Tomlin

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LENT
COUNT**
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March 2013

Upcoming Events

- Mar 1 – Lenten Fish Fry
 - Mar 2 – Matlock Street Cleanup
 - Mar 3 – Family Bowling
 - Mar 6 – Prolife Rosary
 - Mar 8 – Lenten Fish Fry
 - Mar 8 – Knights leading Stations of the Cross
 - Mar 9 – Pray at Abortion Clinic
 - Mar 9 – Bingo
 - Mar 12 – Monthly Mtg
 - Mar 15 – Lenten Fish Fry
 - Mar 16 – St. Paddy's Pickle Parade
 - Mar 18 – Mary Queen of Peace Assembly Meeting
 - Mar 22 – Lenten Fish Fry
 - Mar 23 – Family Movie
- Knights

Lenten Fish Frys

Our Council Fish Fry's start on Friday, February 15th, and goes on for six Fridays. This is our "All Hands On Deck" event each year – we need lots of guys to help. We'll start cooking every Friday around 3:00 P.M. Dinner starts at 5:00 P.M. and goes until 7:00 P.M. We are out of there by 8:00 P.M. Please plan on setting aside a few Fridays and helping out, even if it's only with cleanup.

Family Bowling

Family Bowling will be on Sunday afternoon, Sunday, March 3, 2013 starting at 2:00PM. Bowling will be at Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie on Great Southwest Parkway just north of I-20. The whole family is welcome to come and play.

Prolife Rosary & Prayer

We will be leading a Prolife Rosary before Mass on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 P.M. We then will be going to pray at the Abortion Clinic at 8:15 A.M. on March 9th. Please come out and help us pray. Help make a statement that abortion is murder.

Bingo!

Monthly Bingo is in March 9th! Come out and help or just bring the whole family and play! Food prep starts around 4:00 P.M. – gaming at 6:30 P.M.

Family Movie Knight

Our Family Movie Knight will be held on the evening of March 23rd starting at 6:00 P.M., so come on out and enjoy!

Pancake Breakfast

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 31st. We start around 7:00 A.M. over in the Parish Hall. Please come out and help, even if you can only help cleanup. This is a fun and easy way to get involved with the Council, so we hope to see you there!

KNIGHTS CAN!!!

Our next KNIGHTS CAN Weekend is March 30th/31th. On this weekend, the Knights all make an effort to remember to bring in canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Matlock Street Cleanup

Our next Matlock Street Cleanup will be on March 2. We will meet in front of the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market at Matlock and Debbie at 9:00 A.M. (Note the time change). We are usually done by around 10:30 A.M. Bring the whole family and help keep Mansfield beautiful!



2013 Super bowl Party

**Ask a good Catholic man
to join the Knights today!
It'll make him a better
Catholic – just like it did
to you!!!**

First Degrees

(all at 7:00 P.M. unless noted)

3/9 – Council 12300 - Wylie 9:00 AM

3/11 – Council 8895 - Arlington 7:00 AM

3/18 – Council 7850 - Plano 7:00 PM

3/28 - Council 8417 - Waxahachie 7:30 PM

Contact George Kimmel at
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if you have a lead on a new
member

Monthly Awards

Knight of the Month - Mark Von Plinsky

Mark Von Plinsky was blessed at birth to be born into a family with terrific initials. And, Mark truly lives up to his MVP status. You can find Mark at all of our events, willing to lend a hand, or offer suggestions on how we can improve. The Knights are in need of people with great character, and 7736 is very proud to have our very own MVP.

Family of the Month - Larry and Donna Ciarkowski

One family that is the backbone of our success is the Ciarkowski's. Larry and Donna are behind the scenes making our council great! Without the support we receive from Minuteman Press, we would not be able to reach to people of our community. If you have been to an event at 7736, then you have been exposed to their work. This doesn't even begin to include the additional work Larry puts in at Fish Fry's, Bingo's, and many other events. I can't begin to thank you both enough! Thanks for your support of our council!!



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LENT 2013

The Sunday Gospels of Lent 2013 invite us to be reconciling people who cultivate new life in the family, work, church, and civic relationships in which we live. What can we fertilize one more time? Where can we welcome the prodigal or embrace the haughty righteous? How can we help those who survive on the husks of others' leftovers?

Do an activity each day of Lent.

☺ Try to understand another's point of view ☺ Make someone laugh ☺ Praise someone honestly ☺ Say, "I'm sorry" Mean it ☺ Act like Jesus ☺ Clean up an eyesore in your neighborhood ☺ Respond the first time someone calls you

☺ Send a crocus to someone from whom you are estranged ☺ Ask God to do what is best for the public person you dislike most ☺ Help someone realize his or her self-worth ☺ Cement a friendship ☺ Try not to waste anything for one whole day ☺ Call someone who is lonely ☺ Drive patiently today ☺ Resist trying to be the center of attention ☺ Be a shoulder to cry on ☺ Expand your horizons—go to a lecture, read a book, see a play ☺ Be patient with others ☺ Refuse to gossip ☺ Refuse to whine ☺ Readily forgive anyone who hurts you ☺ Surprise yourself ☺ Make someone else the center of attention. ☺ If you love someone, say so ☺ Advocate on behalf of social issues such as affordable housing ☺ Thank God for the gift of life ☺ Pray for a friend ☺ Pray for an enemy ☺ Start something good. ☺ Visit a shut-in ☺ Give away all your "extras"

☺ Resist judging coworkers ☺ Examine your conscience ☺ Stop a label or stereotype in your workplace ☺ Refuse to judge or categorize others ☺ Be a sign of hope for someone who is depressed ☺ Spend some silent time alone ☺ Be a peacemaker at work or school ☺ Recognize the truth about yourself—no matter how good it is ☺ Drive with patience ☺ Participate actively in Holy Week worship.

Time apart to pray can restore resilience to our productive selves and give us a chance to breathe air and smell cherry blossoms for free.

We fast to break our routines and test how life-giving they are. We fast from what dulls and drags us in order to feast on friendship and reflection.

Each Lent we turn again to the Church's ancient practices for awakening our often-complacent spirits. We pray, fast, and give alms. We seek to deepen our faith in Jesus' promise of new life and his claim on us for the transformation of our world.

In giving alms we learn the needs of others, stretch our resources to contribute to their well-being, and work for just public policies.

Lent is a season for winter hearts to melt, regenerate, and renew our commitment as Easter people. We believe that like Jesus' love, our love gives life.

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SUNDAY
BY **SUNDAY**

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March 8 @ 3:00 P.M. – Lenten Fish Fry - @ 7:00 P.M Knights leading Stations of the Cross

March 9 @ 8:15 A.M. – Pray at Abortion Clinic Saturday

March 9 @ 6:30 P.M. – BINGO!

March 12 – Monthly Business Meeting; Rosary at 6:30 P.M.; Meeting at 7:00 P.M

March 15 @ 3:00 P.M. – Lenten Fish Fry

March 16 @ 2:00 P.M. – St. Paddy's Pickle Parade Saturday

March 18 @ 7:00 P.M. – Mary Queen of Peace Assembly Meeting

March 22 @ 3:00 P.M. – Lenten Fish Fry

March 23 @ 6:00 P.M. – Family Movie Knight

March 26 @ 1:00 P.M. – Scholarship Applications Due

March 26 @ 6:00 P.M. – Council Planning Meeting

March 30 @ 5:00 P.M. – KNIGHTS CAN Weekend

March 31 @ 7:00 A.M. – Easter Breakfast & Children's Party

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Sell Raffle tickets after all Masses !

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